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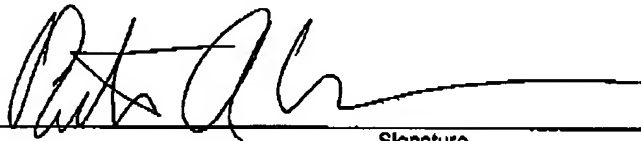
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For: USE OF 2-HYDROXY-2-SULFINATO
ACETIC ACID OR THE SALTS THEREOF AS
AN INITIATOR IN W/O EMULSIONS

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International application No.

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1. Statement						
Novelty (N)	Claims 1-15		YES			
	Claims		NO			
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-15		YES			
	Claims		NO			
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-15		YES			
	Claims		NO			
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)						
The subject matter of the application is novel and inventive (PCT Article 33(1) to (3)).						
<p>Document D1 describes emulsion polymerisation of polar monomers using various initiator systems. Numerous redox systems are mentioned, including 2-hydroxy-2-sulphinato acetic acid (paragraph 34), but there is nothing to indicate that this reducing agent or a salt thereof is used in an <u>inverse emulsion polymerisation</u> reaction. Through the use of 2-hydroxy-2-sulphinato acetic acid in an inverse emulsion polymerisation reaction it is possible to avoid an induction time, which is a disadvantageous aspect of the prior art. The resulting products have good fish-eye and swelling-particle values (see the description, page 3, third paragraph, and page 12, lines 17 to 19). This method is not obvious from document D1.</p> <p>Although it is not supported by test results, the argument relating to the novelty and inventiveness of product-by-process claim 6 is plausible.</p> <p>The invention is industrially applicable.</p>						

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